

BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Present:	Karl Ackerman	Dave Hansen	Ryan Chaffee
	Chad Opicka	Michael Panosh	Jerad Preston
	Dan Sandberg	Andrea Kressin	Randy Wiessinger
	Dan Van Lanen	Tom Witczak	Joshua Falk
	Jill Michaelson	Anna Destree	

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:23 a.m.

II. Old Business

Motion made by Witczak and seconded by Panosh to approve the minutes from the April 2017 meeting. **Motion carried.**

III. DOT/BOTS Updates

Panosh reported there have been 289 fatalities so far this year versus 295 at the same time last year. There have been 12 fatalities in Brown County so far compared to 18 total last year. The five-year average is 13. He stated no seatbelts and alcohol are the big issues. A drive sober mobilization will run August 16-September 4, 2017. The seatbelt study is showing that drivers in rural areas and in pickup trucks are less likely to wear them.

Falk reviewed ongoing highway projects. He noted that Ashland Avenue will reopen before Packers Family Night in mid-August. I-41 in the area of Brown-Outagamie County went to a 3 to 1 split until November for work on the Apple Creek structures.

IV. Second Quarter Fatal Crash Reviews

Sandberg reviewed the seven fatalities for the second quarter of 2017. A male involved in a motorcycle crash on STH 172 died three weeks later. He was not wearing a helmet. Four of the other victims were not wearing seatbelts. Blood alcohol results have not come in yet for some of these. Road design did not contribute to any of these fatalities.

V. Review of STH 57 Traffic Corridor Information

Scott Nelson from DOT replied to Sandberg's letter requesting a study of the STH 54/57 corridor. Nelson responded that they are not doing any corridor studies at this time. He also feels that restricting/redirecting traffic to a new area would just relocate the crashes to another area.

VI. Discuss Program Called "Place of Last Drink" Study

Wiessinger stated that Brown County ranks higher than the state average in alcohol-related crashes. The purpose of the "Place of Last Drink" study would be to find out where individuals were last served alcohol in order to identify any issues with drinking establishments or trends in an effort to provide education for preventative measures. This would be a voluntary study that agencies would agree to participate in. It was noted that officers already fill out a form with this information, but the information is not entered into a database where it can be retrieved. Wiessinger suggested that a representative from the Brown County Tavern League be invited to the TSC meetings.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

Kressin noted that car seats are still available as there is still BOTS funding for them.

VIII. Citizen Appearances

None.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

X. Adjourn

Motion made by Kressin and seconded by Hansen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary